

# Media Advisory

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## **Media Coverage of court-martial - United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry**

**WASHINGTON** – The military judge has scheduled a court-martial in the case of United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry, beginning **Monday, March 16 at 9 a.m.**, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Hockenberry is charged with sexual assault, and assault consummated by a battery that allegedly occurred in 2016.

Press credentials to cover United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry will be granted to journalists from the following types of news media:

- Newspapers, weeklies, and magazines
- Wire services
- Broadcast media
- Web media
- Accredited freelance writers

**REGISTRATION:** Accredited media organizations interested in covering the legal proceedings must register for credentials by email to [usarmy.mcnaair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnaair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil). **Registration must be completed no later than 12 p.m., Thursday, March 12.** Information listed below is required for registration.

- **Media organization**
- **Full names of personnel attending**
- **Assignment (camera, reporter, photojournalist, etc.)**
- **Contact phone number of personnel attending and assignment editor**
- **Email addresses of personnel attending and assignment editor**
- **Driver's license number and state of issue of personnel attending**

Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Print and broadcast media are encouraged to pool. \* **This court-martial will be a pooled event.** \*

**For planning purposes, the court-martial is scheduled for Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20.**

### **EDITOR'S NOTES:**

- Seating is limited in the courtroom. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Communication Office will make every effort to ensure varied media representation.
- The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Communication Office will contact media outlets with their credential status **no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, March 12.**

For additional details, send an email to the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Communication Office at: [usarmy.mcnaair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnaair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil) or call 202-685-4644.

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## Required Material for Receiving Official Approval

### **For journalists:**

- Media identification, such as a local, national and international accredited press pass, issued by a recognized news organization.
- Letter on official letterhead from the editor of a publication/web site or producer of a broadcast program certifying the affiliation, verifying assignment to the legal proceedings, and including the editor's contact information.

### **For journalism students:**

- A letter on official school letterhead, signed by a department professor, verifying assignment to the legal proceedings and including the professor's contact information.

### **For freelance journalists:**

- Copies of bylined articles and an official letter of assignment from the editor/producer from an accredited news organization for which you will be covering.

### **For newsletter media:**

- Newsletter media must submit current issues of their newsletter containing at least one bylined article. If a representative was registered as media at previous legal proceedings, one of the issues submitted must illustrate the resulting editorial coverage.

### **For reporters from online media and bloggers:**

- Reporters must provide appropriate media credentials as noted above for journalists.
- Bloggers must provide the URL for the website for which they are writing.
- Examples of posts that demonstrate recent coverage of the military judicial system must be supplied.